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Dogs as intelligent as toddlers: Researcher

PSYCHOLOGY Dog owners, stare deep into the eyes of your fur-covered companion and ask yourself, what do you actually see?

"The big battle is whether they are little people in fur coats or dumb, unfeeling, programmable robots," says Stanley Coren, an expert on dog behaviour and professor of psychology with the University of British Columbia. "The real answer is actually they are ... something in between."

On Saturday, Coren addressed a packed room at the annual American Psychological Association convention in Toronto, explaining how cumulative evidence shows that a dog's mental abilities resemble those of a two-year-old child. "That means they understand about 165 words and gestures," says Coren.

While dogs might have the cognitive ability of a toddler, Coren says their social consciousness is as high as an adolescent.

"They are interested in who is moving up in the pack and who is sleeping with whom." However, dogs do not feel complex emotions like guilt. It is simply fear based on experience, says Coren. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bike tour The home stretch



Five-year-old Maya Lawson does all the hard work while her dad, Grant, puts his feet up in the home stretch of the 185-kilometre Rona MS Bike Tour, which wrapped up at Carleton University yesterday. More coverage, page 2.

'3 amigos' gather in Mexico

PM unlikely to make progress on urgent 'Buy American' issue

Prime Minister Stephen Harper sits down today with U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexico's leader for a meeting that will test the value to Canada of the North American summit process.

Today's "three amigos" discussion is the centerpiece of the fifth summit since 2005, when then-U.S. president George W. Bush kicked off the annual trilateral talks aimed at promoting economic growth and security on a continent-wide basis. The closed-door chats give the leaders a chance to share their thinking, but whether this setting can produce results for Canada seems unclear.

The most urgent issue for Canada is the recent rise of U.S. protectionism. Barring Canadian suppliers from

Obama's focus

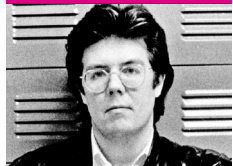
At today's meeting, U.S. President Barack Obama is focusing on issues of immense joint concern to Mexico and the United States: Border security, drug trafficking and immigration.

bidding on federally funded urban renewal projects in the U.S. is resulting in lost jobs in Canada. And the problem is getting worse as U.S. cities and states gear up to award more contracts on projects paid for out of Obama's \$787-billion US stimulus package.

But for Canada, nothing concrete is expected from Obama on this problem until Harper visits Washington, D.C., on Sept. 16.

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Hughes the mixtape king

Carleton defence in sex-assault case stirs outrage

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LAWSUIT Student and sex-assault support groups have condemned a lawsuit defence used by Carleton University that alleges an assault victim was partly to blame for an attack on her.

The Carleton University Students' and Graduate Students' associations, the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, the Graduate Students' Association and the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa have condemned Carleton's assertion that a 25-year-old female victim was negligent

with her safety.

In September 2007, a woman was brutally assaulted while working in Carleton's Steacy Building. No suspect was ever arrested. The woman is suing Carleton University for \$535,000 to compensate for physical and emotional injuries.

On Friday, it was reported that Carleton is fighting the lawsuit and suggesting that the woman did not take the necessary steps to protect herself because she failed to register with the security department and did not lock the door after the professor departed.

"It is ludicrous to suggest

that this assault was in any way caused by the actions of the victim herself," said Erik Halliwell, president of the Carleton University Students' Association.

"The institution has a responsibility to ensure that Carleton students have a safe environment in which to learn and work."

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Man sought following robbery

Ottawa police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect after a TD Canada Trust branch was robbed last week. On Aug. 4, a lone male entered the bank on Kilborn Avenue and a note demanding cash was produced. The man fled from the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. There were no injuries. Police are seeking a white male about 25 years old.

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Ride for MS grows bigger

Charity fundraising event celebrating 20th anniversary

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When Catherine Leroux was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 20 years ago, she "didn't react well," she said.

"It was the shock, the 'why me,'" said the Ottawa resident. But then the energetic 35-year-old quickly turned it around.

Already a cyclist, Leroux stepped up her training after her diagnosis "because I was able." A month later, she learned about a new MS

bike tour event and signed up.

Twenty years later, Leroux, now 55, makes it a point to participate every year. In addition to celebrating the 20th anniversary of the ride, she's celebrating 20 years since her last attack.

Biking has kept her active and healthy, she said.

"When I started out, I had a personal reason for doing it, that if I was in a wheelchair and needed services, this would help," she said. "But now it's more about how lucky I am, that I can

still do this."

Avid cyclist Mark Bazerman didn't know anyone with MS when he took part in his first ride 20 years ago.

It became tradition — Bazerman hasn't missed an event since, and through fundraising, met many people who suffer from the chronic disease.

About 700 cyclists like Leroux and Bazerman rode from Ottawa to Kemptville and back for the 20th annual Rona MS Bike Tour over the weekend.

This event is shaping up to be the best ever, said MS

Society of Canada chapter resource co-ordinator Nadene Lee.

"We're optimistic we'll hit the \$500,000 mark this year," Lee said.

Thanks to events like the ride and each spring's Walk for MS, researchers are making "incredible advances here in Canada," said Dr. Mark Freedman, an event participant and director of the Ottawa Hospital MS Clinic.

"Canada is leading the world in research, and it depends on events like this," Freedman said.

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Bachman, Cummings ready to rock

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CONCERT After more than 40 years and several groups, including The Guess Who, Bachman-Turner Overdrive and solo careers, Burton Cummings and Randy Bachman know how to recognize a good thing. And tonight at the National Arts Centre, they're going to give it to the people.

The duo responsible for classics like These Eyes, Undun, No Time, American Woman, Takin' Care Of Business and You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet, will be bringing music lovers back to the past.

While they'll also be performing songs from Cummings' latest solo album when they take the NAC stage tonight, they'll focus on the classics.

"We know why people are coming down to see us," Cummings told Metro Ottawa from his home in Victoria. "We're not going to bore them or try to



Canadian rock legends Randy Bachman, left, and Burton Cummings perform at the National Arts Centre tonight.

shove too much new stuff down their throats. We still try to live up to the records."

Cummings, who will turn 62 this year, has played in Ottawa many times in the years since his first performance here in 1968.

"There's just a vibe to the city," he said. "It's a good showcase for our country."

Cummings said he knows audience members are expecting the classics.

"We're the two guys who

wrote and sang these songs and I think people know that and want to hear the real thing. I think it's a bit of a time machine," he said, and he doesn't take it for granted.

"Not every artist gets that," he said. "Randy and I are getting older now and we don't take it lightly that we still have a career. Radio's been good to us and fans have been good to us and we're doing our best not to let them down."

"We've got an attitude of gratitude."

Event Youth have their day



Barrhaven resident Jordan Wiens, 17, shows his moves at the McNabb Skateboard Park on International Youth Day yesterday. Hundreds of local teens marked the event — which celebrates the United Nations designation of Aug. 12 as Youth Day around the world — with skateboarding and breakdancing.

ACORN tries to rally tenants

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VOTE An activism group is starting a new campaign tomorrow in an effort to raise the tenant vote across the city.

Members of ACORN — Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now — have been fighting for over two years to get the city to pay attention to the issues of tenants in Ottawa and are hoping that the My Rent, My Vote: Tenants Vote 2010 campaign will be the way.

"Tenants are facing mould, broken windows, doors that are in disrepair and general maintenance

issues," said ACORN member Kat Fortin.

Yet they're not voting because "we don't feel we're being heard," Fortin said. "We've got to get tenants to go out and vote so we can influence housing and landlord matters."

The campaign launches tomorrow at the Heron Road Community Centre at 11 a.m. and at the Vanier Community Service Centre at 3 p.m.

ACORN is also asking councillors to support a landlord fee paid to the city that would fund the expansion of property standards that would allow them to conduct more building inspections, a press release stated.

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Clinton pushes Angola to fight corruption

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pressed Angola yesterday to do more to fight corruption during a two-day visit to the oil-producing country aimed at bolstering ties between the two nations. Angola rivals Nigeria as Africa's biggest oil producer but about two-thirds of the population live on less than \$2 a day. **REUTERS**

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Canada/World



Canadian premiers and territorial leaders listen to a question at the final news conference during the Council of Federation meeting in Regina on Friday.

Premiers reach out

Urge U.S. governors to reject protectionism

Urging more free trade with the United States, Canada's premiers are appealing to their American counterparts to reject protectionist policies.

At the close of the three-day Council of the Federation meeting in Regina, the provincial and territorial leaders vowed to help Ottawa achieve "a broad reciprocal procurement liberalization agreement with the U.S."

The premiers' declaration is significant because it comes as Prime Minister Stephen Harper prepares to meet U.S. President

Barack Obama in Mexico. Harper is seeking amendments to the Buy American provisions that effectively outlaw Canadian firms from bidding on projects funded by Washington's \$787-billion U.S. stimulus package.

"We're going to have to make this case neighbour to neighbour, company to company, worker to worker, governor to premier, prime minister to president," said Manitoba Premier Gary Doer on Friday.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said while the short-term goal is an exemption from the puni-

tive Buy American provisions, the longer-term hope is for "freer trade." "Provinces and states are going to have to sign on, through our national governments, to a trade agreement that enables us to provide the certainty that just as our business will have access to their procurement policies ... they will do so in turn," said McGuinty.

To help their case, the premiers plan to send a delegation to the February meeting of the National Governors Association in Washington.

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Banks, insurers seek Chinese cash

MISSION Executives at Canada's big banks and insurers are heading to China this week as part of an official mission to drum up business, saying the participation of top Canadian officials will open doors to new ventures.

The chief executives of Manulife Financial Corp. and Sun Life Financial Inc., as well as executives at Canada's big five banks are attending the trip.

They join Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in the visit to Beijing and Shanghai from Aug. 10 to 14.

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EU seal ban seen as threat to Newfoundland villages

SEALING Hundreds of villages in Atlantic Canada that depend on seal hunting for much of their livelihood are already feeling a sharp economic pinch from a European ban on seal products that went into effect last month.

For more than 20 years Eldred Woodford has taken part in the annual seal "harvest" on the ice floes along the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, home to more than 80 per cent of the country's sealing industry. But the hunt now brings in much less money than it did only a few years ago, he says.

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More bodies recovered

Four more bodies were pulled from the Hudson River yesterday and divers searched for the other two victims of a collision between a small plane and a helicopter that killed nine people, including five Italian tourists.

National Transportation Safety Board officials said it was too soon to speculate on what caused Saturday's accident on a clear day over the Hudson River off Manhattan.

Searchers recovered the bulk of the wreckage from the helicopter in which the tourists had embarked on what was to have been a 12-minute flight around Manhattan. Officials said it



A ship lifts the fuselage of a helicopter yesterday from the Hudson River, in New York.

would be taken to a nearby pier for examination.

"The helicopter sus-

tained significant damage," National Transportation Safety Board chairwoman Debbie Hersman said.

She said seven victims had been recovered and searchers believed they had located the wreckage of the plane, which had taken off from nearby Teterboro airport in New Jersey minutes before the midday crash.

Within hours of the crash, authorities said there was no hope of finding survivors among the five Italian tourists and a pilot aboard the helicopter and the three people on the plane.

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IRG wants Mousavi tried

IranCrisis

PUNISHMENT Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said yesterday that opposition leader Mirhossein Mousavi, a defeated presidential candidate and former president, should be tried and punished for inciting unrest after the disputed presidential poll.

The June 12 election plunged Iran into its biggest internal crisis since the 1979 Islamic revolution, exposed deepening divisions in its ruling elite and set off a wave of

U.S. demands

• The U.S. has sent strong messages to Iran urging the release of three American hikers who were detained there recently, U.S. National Security Adviser Jim Jones said yesterday.

protests that left 26 people dead. Protests gripped Tehran after the vote, which moderates say was rigged to secure the reelection of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, though officials say it was the "healthiest" vote in the past 30 years.

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News in brief

TALIBAN The United States said yesterday the evidence was "pretty conclusive" that Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud is dead.

AIRPLANE SCARE An Afghan plane that received a bomb threat as it flew to western China's Xinjiang region has landed back in Afghanistan, the official Chinese Xinhua news agency reported yesterday.

CLINTON'S AID Former U.S. President Bill Clinton said yesterday he would lead an international trade mission of private investors to Haiti in October to pursue energy and other development amid signs the nation is stabilizing.

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Revolving door of love

HineSight

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Last time, this column was about my friend Rob's new romance. After it ran, a concerned reader sent this tweet:

"Yr column shows a complete lack of faith in yr friend's ability to find true happiness, based on nothing but his entire dating history. Dnt u believe in luv?"

I was shocked. I had no idea Rob Twittered.

I do believe in love. What I believe is that it falls into two categories — the kind that's guaranteed to last forever and "not so much." The second type may look like this:

1. *Puppy Love*: This may be defined as any romance involving two people who

think the fact that they have the same music on their iPod means they'll "like totally, totally be together forever." Usually, this is limited to the younger than 15-year-old set. I recall my daughter, Becky, then 14, and I having this conversation:

Becky: I'm so upset. Jeremy and I broke up.

Me: (practised at suppressing comments like "Whoohoo!" or "Who's Jeremy?" Oh?

Becky:

Now Devon's

asked me out. I

said I'm just not

ready.

Me:

You need time to

heal ...

maybe

until

you're 40

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Becky: I said maybe next weekend.

The reason older, more mature people don't engage in the revolving door romance of youth is obvious. We can't remember that many new names.

2. *Beach Vacation Fever*.

When the weather's hot, romance sizzles.

Scientists

claim it's

about smell;

we can detect

the scent of

desire on each

other. But not

through a parka.

Vacation

romance, however,

is like a

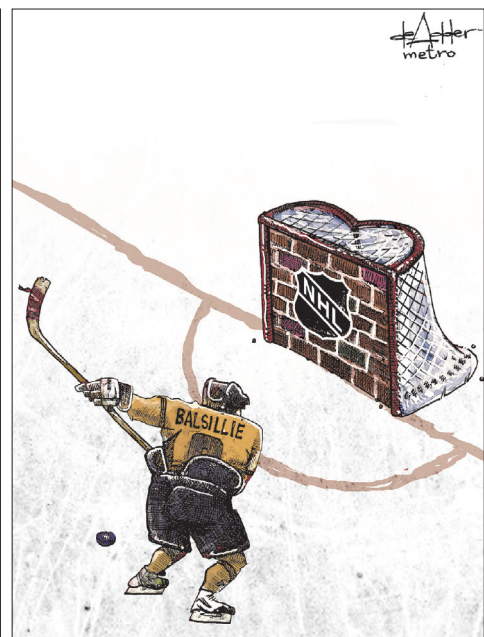
sombrero. It's exotic, it's colourful, you have to have it, but bring it home and you'll have no idea what to do with it.

3. *Relationships based entirely on looks*. No good can come of this. We all know it. We all plan to avoid it. Right after we've dated a personal trainer.

4. *Dating the wrong person*. This is the relationship that's destined to be mad, passionate and blessedly short-lived. Everybody knows it. Except, of course, the two people involved. It's the kind of romance that leaves you thinking either, "Gosh, that was fun." Or "What the heck was I thinking?" Or both.

We all hope to find a love that lasts. In the meantime, the good thing about a "not forever" love is that it's ... well, not forever. Which means there's only one way to handle it. Enjoy it entirely.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



Worth mentioning

Remember ladies, keep your chin up, skirt down

Misbehaving celebrities and the recession have pushed more people to improve their etiquette in a bid to gain an edge over job rivals and inspired lifestyle books such as *How to be a Heppburn in a Hilton World*.

Author Jordan Christy said she wrote the guide to "the art of living with style, class and grace" after celebrities such as Paris Hilton, actress Lindsay Lohan and singer Britney Spears made headlines for all

the wrong reasons.

Hilton is infamous for a lewd sex tape that became an Internet hit, Lohan has long been gossip fodder due to her public drunkenness, and Spears was splashed across tabloids partying without underwear.

"For too long this 'stupid girl' behaviour has been burning the daily headlines and I really think there's a lot of people out there who wanted to see a return to our feminine values," said the 24-year-old Nashville, Tenn.-based writer. Christy's book has chapters on *Keep Your Chin Up* and *Your Skirt Down*, *Dress to Impress*, and *Let Him Come Calling*.

Paris Hilton

REUTERS

On the web

• See metronews.ca/movies for Kevin Sylvester's commentary about filmmaker John Hughes, who died last week. Sylvester, an illustra-

tor, writer and broadcaster, is the author of *Neil Flambe and the Marco Polo Murders*, due out in spring 2010.

Views

Confessions of a Transitway freeloader

InTransit

Steve Collins

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Ottawa has been fined \$5,000 by the Canadian Transportation Agency for the failure of OC Transpo drivers to call out major and requested stops. More penalties could be on the way, and Transpo is threatening to suspend drivers for non-compliance.

The fine itself is peanuts, nothing compared to, for example, the \$562,500 assessed against the city last fall for spewing almost one billion litres of raw sewage into the Ottawa River and

failing to report it.

I also feel I'm in a poor position to scold. Like many cheapskates, I have perfected the trick of the transfer, packing my initial trip, return home and whatever errand I'm on into the hour-and-a-half allotted by a single fare.

On Friday, though, I experienced a failure of time management, and boarded my bus with mere minutes left on my transfer, which expired approximately mid-trip. Duration of my free ride: 11 minutes. Technically, I could have been fined \$150 for my perfidy.

Catch me and 33 other perps, and that \$5,000 fine is paid off. There are many offences on the pretext of which a passenger can be relieved of \$150, like smoking on Transpo property.

I hesitate to even mention such a course of action, given the city's stated goal of recovering 50 to 55 per cent of transit costs from fares and, ahem, other revenue sources.

Numerous money-grubbing schemes have emerged recently, including gouging students older than 27 for regular bus passes, and last month's 15 per cent hike in the price of a bus ticket (also selling them in sheets of six — two-and-a-half trips — to encourage you to buy another if you want to go home again).

Transpo also hired more fare enforcement officers. Are there that many scofflaws on the buses, desperados like myself with expired transfers or passes, stowaways boarding at the back doors without paying?

According to the company's 2008 Performance Report, 7.3 per cent of riders checked were caught cheating, but only 15 per cent of those were actually fined, the others getting off with verbal or written warnings. More draconian ticketing might seem tempting.

Since 2000, when cities were permitted to keep the fines they collected from provincial offences, traffic enforcement has increased markedly. The lure of added revenue has proven too great. I'd hate to see budget obsessions turn our transit system into a rolling police state, crawling with fare enforcement goons to shake down passengers.

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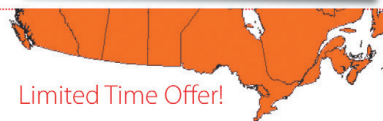
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England has pulled out of the badminton world championships in Hyderabad, India, next week after the tournament reportedly received a terrorist threat from a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group. The Badminton Association of India denied yesterday there has been any threat issued to the tournament. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Blue Jays top Orioles

MLB RESULTS

Baltimore 3 Toronto 7

Marco Scutaro finished 4-for-5 with a two-run homer as Toronto downed Baltimore 7-3 in the finale of a three-game series at Rogers Centre.

Vernon Wells added a two-run shot and Kevin Millar collected three hits, also homered, and drove in a pair for the Blue Jays, who won the final two games of the set after a three-game losing skid.

Roy Halladay (12-5) went eight innings for the victory, allowing two earned runs. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Toronto Blue Jays batter Marco Scutaro watches his two-run home run against the Baltimore Orioles yesterday. Toronto won 7-3, giving Roy Halladay his 12th win of the season.

Kane, cousin charged

Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane, left, was charged with attacking a cab driver in his hometown of Buffalo early yesterday, a beating police said was triggered when the driver did not have 20 cents in change to give the player and his cousin James Kane. Both men were charged with felony robbery and misdemeanour counts of theft of services and criminal mischief. Patrick pleaded not guilty in court yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Woods rules at Firestone

Tiger Woods won a record seventh WGC-Bridgestone Invitational title yesterday overhauling Padraig Harrington with a sizzling burst of scoring before benefiting from a late collapse by the Irishman.

The American world No. 1 fired a five-under-par 65 on a hot and humid day at Firestone Country Club to clinch his 70th PGA Tour victory, and fifth of the year, by four strokes.

Woods took control by covering the front nine in a spectacular five-under 30 on the way to a 12-under total of 268.

Harrington, who had led for the first three rounds, regained a one-stroke cushion with three holes to play before his title bid unravelled with a triple-bogey eight at the 16th.

A closing 72 earned him a share of second place with Australian Robert Allenby (66).

Masters champion Angel Cabrera of Argentina signed off with a 67 to tie for fourth at seven under with American Hunter Mahan (66) in the elite World Golf Championships event.

The final round, however,

Weir is 10th

• Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., finished alone in 10th, eight shots back, after he shot even-par 70 on the day.

er, boiled down to a mouth-watering duel between playing partners Woods and Harrington in front of huge galleries.

Trailing by three shots overnight, Woods clawed back two of them at the par-five second where he conjured a brilliant eagle.

After hitting his second shot from the middle of the fairway to 24 feet, he coolly sank the curling right-to-left putt before raising his putter into the air in celebration.

Woods then produced successive dagger blows, ramming in birdie putts from 13 and 27 feet at the fourth and fifth to take the lead for the first time.

Another birdie followed at the ninth, where Woods struck a superb approach to seven feet, as the world No. 1 reached the turn two strokes clear at 12 under.

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Sports in brief

TENNIS Juan Martin Del Potro spoiled Andy Roddick's return to the tour after a month-long hiatus by defeating the world number five 3-6 7-5 7-6 to win the Washington Classic yesterday. The Argentine won the final-set tiebreak 8-6 to end the 2½ hour slugfest with a scorching forehand just inside the line on match point.

SOCCER Chelsea got their hands on the first trophy of the English season yesterday when they beat Manchester United on penalties to win the curtain-raising Community Shield after a lively Wembley encounter had ended 2-2.

RACING Scott Dixon became

IndyCar's leader in career victories Sunday, pulling away from the field to capture the Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio. The victory was Dixon's fourth of the season and 20th of his IndyCar career, breaking a tie with former series star Sam Hornish Jr.

BASEBALL Cincinnati Reds third baseman Scott Rolen was evaluated in Cincinnati yesterday for concussion-like symptoms and will remain inactive for several more days until his symptoms have improved. Rolen was hit in the head by a Jason Marquis fast-ball last Sunday.

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Ortiz blames supplements

Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz said taking nutritional supplements may have caused him to land on a 2003 list of Major League players who tested positive for performance-enhancing substances. The five-times All-Star said he was "a little bit careless back in those days when ... buying supplements." **REUTERS**

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Provincial money may decide fate of Montreal's MLS dream

Despite what thousands of screaming 12-year-olds will tell you, Cristiano Ronaldo's presence in Toronto was not the biggest soccer news being made this weekend.

Far be it from me to judge what constitutes proper soccer appreciation, but I'll just say that I felt for the fathers on this day. How comfortable can it be for a soccer dad to stand next to his darling daughter when said darling daughter has "take it off C. Ronaldo" scrawled on her stomach?

As I said, soccer is just starting to approach

the mainstream, so far be it for me to judge what fills the stands.

But for those who were not interested in seeing Ronaldo "take it off," the weekend's big news came when MLS

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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commissioner Don Garber spoke to the media on possible ex-

pan-

sion to Montreal.

He backed away from earlier statements in which he made it seem as though Montreal joining MLS in 2011 was a certainty, but stayed committed

enough to the city to keep the tongues wagging.

"The next step for us is to work with



them on trying

to get public support to expand and renovate that stadium," Garber said.

"Without that, we're not going to be able to go (into Montreal)."

Just a week ago, Garber said Montreal would likely be the 19th team to join MLS and, with a clever choice of words, appeared to declare Canada would have a third team in MLS by 2011.

At best it was a vague

statement. At worst, well, at worst sometimes people hear what they want to hear. Or, rather, people hear what Garber wants them to hear.

During the expansion process Garber had the habit of showing up in bid cities when they needed him the most and making outlandish statements like, "Ottawa is a favourite in the MLS race" and "Atlanta is a terrific soccer city."

In both cases it put pressure on the municipalities to get their stadium affairs in order.

And it's no different now. Montreal Impact owner Joey Saputo

is waiting on the Quebec provincial government to commit \$25 million to a stadium expansion.

In the meantime, Garber teases back and

"At best it was a vague statement. At worst, well, at worst sometimes people hear what they want to hear. Or, rather, people hear what (MLS commissioner Don) Garber wants them to hear."

forth between praise and ultimatum, but his words are meant to do nothing more than put pressure on la belle province to come through with the money. If it does, Montreal will be on its way to MLS, likely in 2012.

If it doesn't, then Montreal becomes the next Ottawa and MLS moves on to another city willing to put up the money. After all, soccer dad and daughter have to stand somewhere.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca



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A new bidder has emerged to buy the 137-year-old Boston Globe from New York Times Co., a person familiar with the matter said on Friday. Platinum Equity has submitted a bid for the Globe and the rest of the Times Co.'s New England Media Group. **REUTERS**

Platinum Equity submits bid for New England Media Group

Business



Politicians return donations

U.S. politicians have returned \$87,800 US in donations from accused swindler Allen Stanford so far, according to the receiver trying to recover assets for the Texas financier's investors. When Stanford, 59, was first charged in February with running a Ponzi scheme out of his offshore bank in Antigua, several lawmakers including U.S. President Barack Obama said they would donate Stanford's contributions to charity. **REUTERS**

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Investors look to small caps

Canadian investors are pumping money into small cap companies that they normally shun in uncertain times, enticed into riskier assets by signs the economy is stabilizing and by bargain prices.

The BMO Small Cap Index has raced ahead of other closely watched Canadian indexes as optimism over a global economic re-

covery has coaxed investors back into stocks hit especially hard by last fall's market meltdown. It's a sign market players are willing to be more adventurous again, experts say.

"It's a good time to buy small caps. The market has had a shellacking. Small caps had more of a shellacking. The valuations are very reasonable," said Allan

July performance

- At the end of July, the BMO index was up just over 30.2 per cent, outperforming the S&P/TSX Small Cap Index, up 19.7 per cent, as well as the broader S&P/TSX composite index, which was ahead 20 per cent.

Jacobs, lead portfolio man-

ager of the \$100 million Sprott Small Cap Equity Fund at Sprott Asset Management.

Small cap refers to stocks with relatively lower market capitalization. The range of market capitalization for companies in the BMO index is between \$32 million and \$1.3 billion. The average is around \$370 million. **REUTERS**

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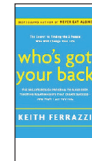
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Know your allies, says author

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REVIEW Keith Ferrazzi is a guy who has had some tremendous success in his career both as an executive working with mega firms such as Deloitte and Starwood Hotels and now with his own consulting firm Ferrazzi Greenlight.

He is the first to tell you that his greatest success has come from building a small number of close rela-

BookReview

tionships versus having a plenitude of connections.

I'm fortunate to know Ferrazzi, having met him at a conference three years ago, and have had great success using the teachings from his first book, my bible, *Never Eat Alone*. Ferrazzi's second title, *Who's Got Your Back*, shows the importance of identifying key people in your life who will act as your own personal board.

Having seen Keith recently, it's clear he has been practising what he's been teaching. **CRAIG LUND/ FOR METRO CANADA**

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Weak job data lowers dollar

RESULTS Canada's dollar finished lower versus the U.S. greenback Friday as weak jobs data soured investor risk appetite and briefly sent the currency to its lowest level in a week.

A report showed the Canadian economy shed 44,500 jobs in July, more than double the forecast. The report knocked the dollar as low as \$1.0865 to the U.S. dollar, or 92.04 US cents, its lowest level since July 30. That was down from \$1.0785 to the U.S. dollar, or 92.72 US cents, shortly before the numbers came out. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

RETAIL Bill Gregson, who joined The Brick Group Income Fund as president and chief executive just four weeks ago, vowed Friday to lift the beleaguered furniture company out of its doldrums. The company lost \$146 million in the three months ending June 30, most of it due to a \$133.5 million non-cash writedown in the value of goodwill and the Brick's brand. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

JOBS Better-than-expected July U.S. jobs numbers have numerous private economists heralding the end of the recession, but the Obama administration is taking a more guarded view because of a worrisome rise in long-term unemployment and a drop in labour force participation. **REUTERS**

Pre-charged rechargeable batteries show the way

Duracell Pre-charged Rechargeable batteries last longer and need less recharging when not in use as compared to standard NiMH batteries, says Future Friendly (futurefriendlybrands.ca), a partnership led by some of Canada's leading home care brands. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Going Green

Making pens eco-friendly

Americans buy more than 5.1 billion pens every year — most of which end up in the dump, according to Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin's *True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business*. Use long-life refillable pens made from recycled plastic, paper or timber.

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5 things to do today to be green

TIPS Being green can be easier than you think.

1. Remove cellphone, iPod and laptop chargers from the wall when not charging. Chargers keep drawing electricity even if the device isn't charging.

2. There are environmentally responsible choices instead of bottled water such as the world's first carbon negative bottled water, Fiji Water. Recycle your empty bottles.

3. Use a compost bin to turn food waste into fertilizer for the garden.

4. Place recyclable shopping bags in car, desk and purse so there is no excuse to use plastic.

5. Repair leaky faucets. A dripping tap can waste 800 litres a month.

NEWS CANADA

Mother Nature not frail old lady

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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We talk a lot in this column about protecting the environment, about treading lightly on the Earth. This sometimes promotes a view of Mother Nature as a delicate, frail old lady who needs our constant care.

While this is true, we must not forget that the old dame still has some kick to her. We got some first-hand proof of the awesome power of nature this week.

This was not some epic event like a tornado or hurricane, just a simple summer thunderstorm.

This storm dumped 11 centimetres of rain onto our town in a couple of hours, flooding streets, basements and closing two major highways. People had to scramble out of their cars and seek higher ground. Major appliances in people's basements were moved to different rooms by the force of the water.

One sad thing was the impact of the massive volume of water on a local pond.

This pond was a beautiful place, home to many birds and fish. The flash flood washed out the debris dam at the foot of the pond and caused three-quarters of the water to drain out.

This pond contained huge snapping turtles thought to be about 80 years old. We hope they were able to resist being swept away but we fear they were not.

The scar caused by the water rushing out of the pond looks like something carved out by a major river or waterfall, not our usually stagnant pond.

What happened to the pond is a reminder not to take anything for granted. Nothing is forever.

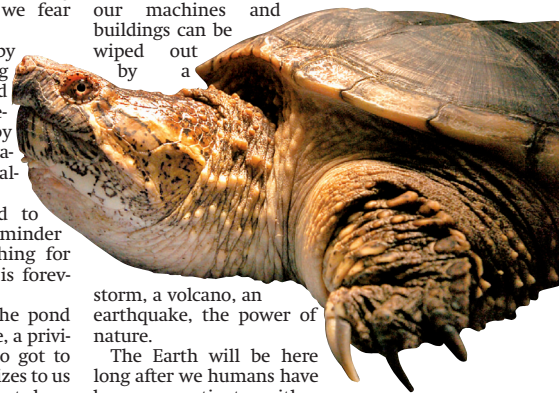
The beauty of the pond was a gift of nature, a privilege for those who got to enjoy it. It emphasizes to us that we are just guests here on Earth. Beings who have existed for just a blip in terms of geological time.

We think we humans are all-powerful and indeed we do have the power to do terrible things to our planet. But all we have built, all our machines and buildings can be wiped out by a

storm, a volcano, an earthquake, the power of nature.

The Earth will be here long after we humans have become extinct, either through our own doing or from natural causes. Protecting the environment is

not for the Earth, it is for us, so that we can live happy, healthy lives during our sojourn here.



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Backyard composters were popular before cities introduced green bin programs. The attractions are obvious: Composters are easy to set up and easy to use. They produce great soil for your garden and they soak up one-third of

your garbage — the stinkiest third, the bits of rotting vegetables and fruit that turn garbage pails into soup tureens.

Worried about raccoons or rats? As long as you do your composting correctly, experts say, rodents should-

n't be a problem. And getting it right just means mixing kitchen waste evenly with carbon-rich material such as dry leaves or shredded newspaper.

Here's a guide to setting up a backyard composter.

1. Find a flat place in your yard. Or make a place flat. You will need about one-square-metre of space.

2. Insulate the bottom of your new bin with twigs and leaves for drainage.

3. Assemble the basic ingredients: Browns and greens. Browns are carbonous items, like dried leaves, wood shavings or shredded newspaper.

4. Greens are most of the things you would throw into your green bin, sans meat, fish, diapers and milk products.

5. Empty your kitchen green bin in the middle of your composter and cover it with equal amounts of brown.

6. Add a dusting of soil to the top, to boost the crew of micro-organisms needed



Worm composting can be done indoors and outdoors, providing apartment dwellers with a means of composting.

What goes in

- Fruit and vegetable scraps; coffee grounds; rice and pasta; egg shells; tea bags; paper napkins and towels; plant trimmings.
- Don't compost meat, fish, bones, dairy products; oils or fats; sauces; pet poo; diapers; diseased plants; weeds with seeds.

to start breaking the food down.

7. Leave it for at least one week. That way, it will become "hot" as the microorganisms feast on the organics.

8. "Turn" your compost every week or two. That means stick a pole into it and stir.

9. Keep compost moist.

10. In three months, your old tea bags and rotten strawberries will be transformed into brown, crumbly soil.

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Arctic tundra hotter: Expert

Regions of Arctic tundra around the world are heating up rapidly, releasing more greenhouse gases than predicted and boosting the process of global warming, a leading expert said.

Prof. Greg Henry of the University of British Columbia also said higher temperatures meant larger plants were starting to spread across the tundra, which is usually covered by small shrubs, grasses and lichen. The thicker plant cover means the region is getting darker and absorbing more heat.

He said tundra covers about 15 per cent of the world's surface and makes up around 30 per cent of Canadian territory.

Henry, who has been working in the Arctic since the early 1980s, said he had measured "a very substantial change" in the tundra over the last three decades, citing greater emissions and plant growth.

Since 1970, he said, temperatures in the tundra region had risen by 1 C per decade — equal to the highest rates of warming found anywhere on the planet.

Henry said his research station in Nunavut had recorded record high temperatures virtually every summer since the early 1990s. The warmer temperatures mean plants are growing bigger and faster, while larger species are spreading northward.

"The tundra is getting a lot weedier all the way around the globe," said Henry, who also chairs an international project studying tundra.

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In 2008, more than 63,000 Canadians registered for the national cleanup. Participants removed over 130,000 kilograms of garbage from 1,531 sites, spanning a col-



During last year's cleanup, the most common shoreline litter recovered were cigarette butts food wrappers and containers, caps and lids, beverage cans, paper plates, plastic cups and cutlery.

lective distance of 2,152 kilometres.

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Workology

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Lethbridge expands

Lethbridge College in southern Alberta is reporting an increase of nearly 11 per cent in applications for the 2009-10 school year. Prospective learners are applying not only from across Canada, but also from the U.S., India, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, and Nigeria.

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Your future in the stars

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Diane Peters

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Newspaper horoscopes are only accurate for one twelfth of the population, says one astrologer.

Some say astrology is a blend of math, science, craft and intuition. But even Brandi Jasmine will tell you the horoscope you read in the paper or online is more like a wild guess.

That's because a person's true daily reading is determined not just by their sign, but the date and precise time of their birth. "They're accurate for about one-twelfth of the population," she says.

Jasmine, 45, composes

the daily horoscopes on Astrology.ca — which she also syndicates out to websites and print publications — by looking at the pie-shaped astrology chart for each day and noting the different "aspects" for each sign that are active that day.

Since she's been writing horoscopes for over a decade and has hundreds, she randomly picks one for an appropriate aspect and runs it that day.

Jasmine is more precise

when she does a personal reading. After getting someone's birth details, she calls on a computer program to make up the chart. She then reads from the chart, a process that takes about an hour.

Here, she uses a mix of mathematical knowledge of what the planet's positions mean. But she's also very empathic, she says, so senses things from the person as well.

Jasmine was born in a very devout Pentecostal

B.C. family that had little tolerance for such things. She was known as "sensitive" growing up.

Only when she moved to Vancouver in her early 20s did Jasmine finally get in touch with her psychic side. But it was overwhelming. She called her mother, telling her she was having powerful visions and dreams. Her mother insisted she come home immediately and go to church. The sermon, ironically, was on visions and dreams.

The Lowdown

Job title: Astrologer**Salary:** \$120 per reading**Education/training:** Most are self-taught**Best Part of the Job:** "The personal growth aspect. Being able to witness when the lights come on in someone's eyes after a reading."**Worst Part of the Job:** "The prejudice about what I do."

"I guess this must be OK with God," Jasmine thought. She returned to Vancouver and began readying up on tarot, horoscopes and astrology. She began doing readings and attending psychic fairs.

After moving to Toronto, she started Astrology.ca and found she preferred doing her work online: She finds face-to-face work overwhelming, as she'll often take on other's feelings.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Directing the way behind the scenes

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Run Forrest, Run!

While he may not have the speed of Forrest Gump or taken two feet and a heartbeat across the United States, Jack Boem has run up the ranks in the world of Hollywood.

Starting as an on-set runner in 1988, Boem's had a successful career as an assistant director for the last 15 years. In that time, he's worked on major motion pictures with some of the biggest stars to hit the silver screen in the last decade.

Currently, he's working on a film called Scott Pilgrim vs. The World starring Superbad's Michael Cera. His body of work also includes the Oscar-nominated film Water, and soon-to-be-released Amelia, starring Hilary Swank, Ewan McGregor and Richard Gere.

With big names like that, managing schedules and coming up with the right strategy to make filming as easy as possible can be a chal-

lenge. That's where the assistant director comes in.

"It's like middle-management," he says. "It's my job to break down the script and see what's required. Once we start shooting, I schedule the day."

Breaking down the script and seeing what's required involves a number of factors; the most important being the budget. The budget of the film plays heavily in making decisions about location, scheduling, finding the right actors, extras, music and choreography.

Because of the cost constraints, Boem must analyze the script and come up with the most effective, economical and logical way to complete the filming. If a star can only be available for a limited amount of time, he must come up with a way to film scenes that fits possible time limitations. In addition, the more the stars have to be flown to location, the more it will cost. Because of these fluctuating schedules, Boem finds himself putting in long hours in order to make sure things run smoothly.

"I usually work 70 to 100 hours a week, with 70 being the base," he says. "You don't have a personal life!"



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Cheech Marin married his longtime girlfriend, Russian-born pianist Natasha Rubin, in a sunset ceremony at their Malibu home, people.com reports. The ceremony was held in front of about 75 guests, including Hollywood pals Don Johnson and Robert Rodriguez. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Director treated teens with respect

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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John Hughes wrote many lines that, in light of his untimely passing last Thursday at age 59, take on heightened meaning. Perhaps the most memorable comes from Ferris Bueller's Day Off. "Life moves pretty fast," says Ferris. "If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

By all reports Mr. Hughes did his best to "stop and look around," virtually retiring from public life in 1991 to spend more time with his wife of 39 years on their Wisconsin farm.

Although his last film as a director was 16 years ago his influence can still be felt today. Before Hughes, teen characters on film had only a passing resemblance to the real thing. There were the sanitized Disney kids,

the goofy Beach Party crowd (who weren't actually teens) or the juvenile delinquents, bad girls or hot rodders of the '50s and '60s. Those movies were often a lot of fun, but none had the resonance of the teen life presented by Hughes.

His films like Sixteen Candles and Breakfast Club took teens seriously and didn't talk down to or exploit them. He understood that while many adults didn't take teen problems seriously, teens did. He knew having no date to the prom, or worse, the wrong date, could be devastating to the teen psyche and handled situations like that in a way that had never before been seen on film.

Ben Stein, who rose to fame as the deadpan teacher in Ferris Bueller, recognized the impact Hughes made. "He was the poet of the youth of America in the post war period," he said, adding "he was to them what Shakespeare was to the Elizabethan age."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrcrouse33@hotmail.com.

Master of the mixtape

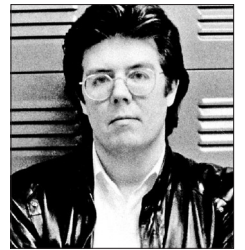
Director John Hughes was a modern day soundtrack guru

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It's hard to find a soundtrack these days without a song from some up-and-coming indie band, but that wasn't the case twenty years ago. In the '80s movies often showcased big name pop acts, so when John Hughes included a song from a little known U.K. act in the opening scene of *The Breakfast Club* it made waves through the music and movie communities.

The song, Don't You Forget About Me, not only gave Simple Minds their first and only number one hit state-side, it transformed Hughes from a talented director to pop culture trend-setter.

"A lot of directors just threw in tunes because they sounded good, but Hughes chose songs that meant something to a scene or a character," says Michael Perlmutter, a Toronto-based music supervisor with Instant Entertainment. "He was one of the first modern day soundtrack gurus."



Ferris Bueller's Day Off, left, was just one of many films that director John Hughes, above, used to showcase new music.

Plenty of other bands also found success after appearing in a Hughes movie — The Smiths in *Pretty in Pink*, Yello in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* to name two — but more important he is, arguably, responsible for making new wave the soundtrack to the '80s. "Hughes was breaking bands," says Corey Marr, a Toronto-based producer whose new film, *Passenger Side*, and its eclectic soundtrack, will make its Canadian debut at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

Besides discovering new

music, Hughes' ability to marry scenes with sounds was revolutionary in itself.

"For Hughes, the music and the movie were one and the same," says Marr. "Listening to one of his soundtracks was a logical extension to his movies."

"He found the right tunes for the right scenes and somehow captured the entire pulp culture in three and a half minute songs," adds Perlmutter.

While Hughes' movies and musical choices still have an enormous impact in pop culture today, a lot of directors haven't paid as

much attention to their soundtracks as he did.

Marr says that movie scores are still record label marketing tools, but there are a few directors like Cameron Crowe, Quentin Tarantino and Wes Anderson who use the "John Hughes method" of creating soundtracks.

And that method, Hughes told MTV news in 1986, means a song "can't just be written apart and shoved in. It's got to come out of the action. It's got to talk about the characters, not the story, it has to augment that action."

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Thirty-one years later, the basterds are back

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

When audiences filter in to their local theatres later this month to see *Inglourious Basterds*, the seventh film from art/trash flick architect Quentin Tarantino, most of them will be completely unaware of the movie's not-quite-Hollywood origins.

Tarantino based his epic Brad Pitt starring Second World War fantasy on a gritty, ultra violent 1978 Italian exploitation film called *The Inglorious Bastards*, directed by legendary eurotrash helmer Enzo Castellari and starring both ex-football hero Fred (The Hammer) Williamson and ex-pat Swedish actor Bo Svenson.

The original film — re-issued recently on blu-ray from Severin Entertainment — remains a cult

classic of its kind and Svenson (who, along with Castellari, makes a cameo in Tarantino's redux) told Metro about why he thinks it still endures in counter culture circles.

"It's just a great, fun, eccentric action movie," says the now 68-year-old actor.

"Enzo was actually a wonderful director and unfortunately, very underrated. But Quentin told me he's been a fan of his work all his life and apparently he's not alone."

Svenson is perhaps best known as Joe Don Baker's successor essaying the role of vigilante sheriff Buford Pusser in the two sequels to the hit 1973 thriller *Walking Tall* (itself remade in 2004). But as far as his career choices are concerned, he does admit to some regrets.

"I screwed up," says Svenson, who also starred in Tarantino's *Kill Bill*



Seen here is the poster for the 1978 cult classic, *Inglourious Basterds*, which Quentin Tarantino has remade as *Inglourious Basterds*.

films as a preacher.

"I was starring in real films like *The Great Waldo Pepper* with Robert Redford before *Walking Tall* and then, suddenly, I was a B-movie action hero."

"I went to Italy because the price they were offer-

opening soon

- *Inglourious Basterds* opens in theatres across Canada on Aug. 21.

ing was right but then, no one in Hollywood took me seriously anymore. Still, I am thankful for the niche I carved out for myself."

As far as Tarantino's loose remake is concerned, Svenson sees it as just another piece of the director's offbeat, absurdist cinematic puzzle.

"What Quentin is doing with this film is exploring the magical 'what if,'" he says. "Some might quibble that Hitler was never in Paris just to watch a movie, but how do we know he wasn't? You have to trust Quentin and just sit back, take his hand and let him take you on this wild, crazy, beautiful ride."

Dancing couple split

Dancer Derek Hough and actress Shannon Elizabeth, who met as pro and star on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*, have ended their relationship of over a year. The pair sent out matching statements on Twitter Friday night. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

More like G.I. Joke

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra

Director: Stephen Sommers
Stars: Channing Tatum, Marlon Wayans, Sienna Miller
Classification: PG
Rating: 80%

IAN GORMELY
 for Metro Canada

Let's be honest. No one going to see a movie based on a line of action figures with a trailer that resembles Team America: World Police minus the satire should expect anything more than mild escapism.

But recent years movies like *Iron Man* have brought mild escapism to dazzling new heights and stiff special effects driven flicks like *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* look like a very expensive amateur hour in comparison.

The film is built around Duke (Channing Tatum) and Rip Cord (Marlon Wayans), a pair of American soldiers who become involved with an elite international team called G.I. Joe



Channing Tatum stars as Duke, the team leader of the G.I. Joe squad in *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra*.

after their military convoy transporting experimental new weapons is hijacked by a group of terrorists called M.A.R.S. led by Duke's former flame (Sienna Miller).

Granted provisional membership with the team, Duke, Rip Cord and the other Jose track Miller and her various M.A.R.S. cronies around the globe.

This is a ridiculous, if kind of fun film. While *G.I. Joe* sounds a little more grounded in reality than

On the web

• For *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

Transformers, this summer's other toy-based blockbuster, Tatum's monosyllabic delivery and Wayans' unfunny wisecracks do little to break up the constant stream of explosions and

melodramatic "end of the world" situations.

Fans of the original comic and cartoon, essentially the base audience for a film like this, will be frustrated by how far director Stephen Sommers has strayed from the source material.

And those unfamiliar with the characters will have to depend on a certain degree of suspension of disbelief to really enjoy the flick.

Ring them Jingle Bells

MUSIC Bob Dylan is set to release an album of Christmas songs, including *Here Comes Santa Claus* and the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, according to music websites.

Rumours of the album first emerged on Isis magazine website, which is devoted to Dylan. It later reported the songs had been recorded in Jackson Browne's studio in Santa Monica, Calif., in May.

David Hidalgo of Los Lobos, who played accordion on Dylan's chart-topping latest album *Together Through Life*, is one of the musicians who took part in the sessions, it said.

"It is a personal project of Dylan himself rather than an idea put forward by his record company,"

Isis said.

Billboard magazine said it had confirmed the album existed. Other songs included *Must Be Santa* and *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, it said.

Dylan was originally of the Jewish faith and was a Christian from 1979-1981, releasing three religious-themed albums.

"At first glance it may sound bizarre, but I don't think Dylan cares much about what his detractors might make of it," Scott Marshall, who has written a book *God and Bob Dylan: A Spiritual Life* told *bullypulpit.com*. "He's both never renounced being Jewish or renounced his experience with Jesus some three decades ago," Marshall said.

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning on Aug. 7, led by the new action movie *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra*, according to studio estimates compiled on Sunday by Reuters.

- 1. G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra:** \$56.2 million US
- 2. Julie & Julia:** \$20.1 million
- 3. G-Force:** \$9.8 million
- 4. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince:** \$8.9 million
- 5. Funny People:** \$7.9 million
- 6. The Ugly Truth:** \$7 million
- 7. A Perfect Getaway:** \$5.8 million
- 8. Aliens in the Attic:** \$4 million
- 9. Orphan:** \$3.7 million
- 10. (500) Days of Summer:** \$3.7 million

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Sophie

Focus, girl, focus! Sophie (Natalie Brown) tries to keep her attention on Estelle and Melissa's (Sara Botsford, Amy Lalonde) movie and premiere party and to not think about Andre (Lyrik Bent). Rick's (Sebastian Spence) relationship with Melissa hits a snag in the bedroom. Jeff Geddiss and Mimi Kuzyk also star in "It's My Party." 8:30 PM on 8 CBC



Teen Choice 2009

The Jonas Brothers host and perform during this high-energy awards presentation honoring the year's hottest teen icons for contributions to television, music, film, sports and fashion. The Black Eyed Peas are slated to perform; also scheduled to appear are Kristen Bell, Jordana Brewster, Ashley Greene, Vanessa Hudgens, among others. 8 PM on 3 GTV, 36 FOX

CSI: Miami

Ryan Wolfe (Jonathan Togo) is in a tough spot. He's been kidnapped by Russian mobsters and ordered to clear one of their guys of robbing and killing an exchange broker. He's not about to cooperate until they threaten to harm the young son of a friend. So he plays along, even though that means betraying Horatio (David Caruso) and the rest of the team in "Wolfe in Sheep's Clothing." 10 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV, 104 CTV



Daniel Baldwin and his wife, Joanne, welcomed their second baby girl Friday, his rep tells usmagazine.com. Finley Rae Martineau Baldwin was born at 9:35 a.m. at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in L.A. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Baby girl for Baldwin

Celebrity Buzz

Kara 'shocked' that Paula left Idol

INTERNAL POLITICS Kara DioGuardi is still shocked that Paula Abdul has quit American Idol after eight seasons, usmagazine.com reports.

"I can't get over it. I'm completely shocked," she said on Ryan Seacrest's radio show Friday. "It's such a loss for the show, such a loss for the contestants. She's definitely the heart of the panel."

"The kind of heart she treated the contestants with she treated me with last year," said DioGuardi, who added that she was "scared" joining the show last season. "She was so kind to me and made me

feel immediately like part of the panel."

She added that she hopes Abdul "will reconsider" her decision to leave. DioGuardi shot down speculation that she was hired last season as an insurance policy against Abdul in case she leaves.

Abdul — who left show because she reportedly

she didn't get her desired \$20 million US deal — isn't sweating the fact that she is out of a job. "At this point, there are so many won-

derful things that are being offered to me," Abdul told the media late last week.

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Posh ready to fight Simon

INCOMING JUDGE Victoria Beckham is looking forward to sparring with Simon Cowell when she sits in as a judge on the upcoming season of American Idol, briefly replacing Paula Abdul.

"He has a very tongue-in-cheek British sense of humour, which I have too," Beckham told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show. "I'm looking for-

ward to a bit of banter. I hope he does give me a little bit of a hard time. I love that. I feed off of that."

Beckham also admitted that, while she doesn't know Cowell well, they two have crossed paths before. "He is the only man in the music industry who turned down the Spice Girls and said we would never work."

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Sharon has nothing to hide on mag cover

COUGAR Sharon Stone has posed topless at 51, and she's proud to flaunt it, the huffingtonpost.com reports.

The actress and humanitarian graces the cover of French weekly magazine Paris Match in a high-waisted bondage corset, black



underwear, stilettos, arms over her head and topless.

There are also several shots inside the magazine.

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Back-to-back dates for Rob and Kristen?

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER Before jetting off to Vancouver to begin filming Eclipse, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart got some downtime together and enjoyed a concert in Hollywood on Thursday night and then again on Friday, people.com reports.

The Twilight stars snuck into Bobby Long's concert at Hotel Cafe about three songs into his set with Pattinson's close pal Marcus Foster (who wrote a song on the Twilight soundtrack) on Thursday. The

group watched the performance from a curtained-off area on the stage where there was sound equipment and a few bar stools.

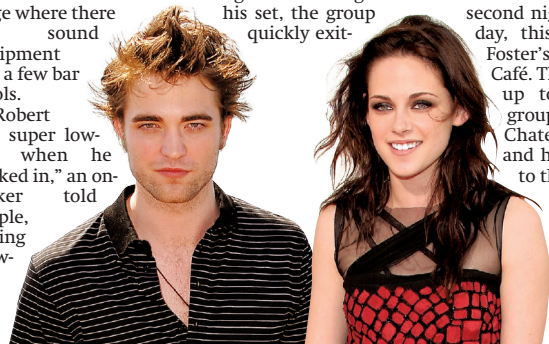
"Robert was super low-key when he walked in," an on-looker told People, adding Stewart, 19, and

Pattinson, 23, went unnoticed by fans the entire night. After Long finished his set, the group quickly exit-

ed the venue and jumped into a waiting cab.

The two headed out for a second night in a row Friday, this time catching Foster's show at Hotel Cafe. They later showed up together with a group of pals at the Chateau Marmont, and hung out well into the night.

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Gerard loves a tough one

TOO MUCH INFORMATION Gerard Butler is attracted to powerful women, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

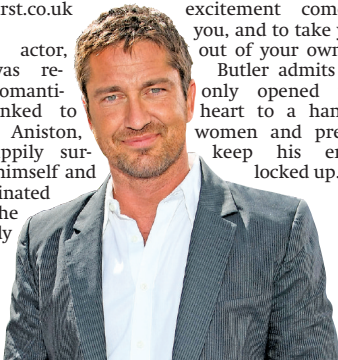
The actor, who was recently romantically linked to Jennifer Aniston, will happily surrender himself and be dominated when the right lady comes along.

He said: "It's

amazing to be overpowered and overawed by somebody, and to feel that excitement come over you, and to take yourself out of your own head."

Butler admits he has only opened up his heart to a handful of women and prefers to keep his emotions locked up.

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Jessica predicted her breakup?

PRESCIENCE Jessica Simpson hinted at fissions in her relationship with football player Tony Romo in an interview conducted before the couple split, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer-actress was said to have been devastated after Romo dumped her on the eve of her 29th birthday last month, but she appeared to have

sensed their time was over, hinting at a split in an interview with Glamour magazine.

She told the publication, "If this article comes out and we're not together, I'd still love him, and he'd still be a huge part of who I am today."

Simpson went on to heap praise on her ex, crediting him with help-

ing her feel attractive despite media scrutiny focused on her body.

She added: "Tony never ever places judgment. You can just relax and feel beautiful. He's just that type of person."

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Neverland on the move?

WACKY PLANS Plans are reportedly being discussed to relocate Michael Jackson's beloved Neverland Ranch to the Nevada desert and turn it into a Graceland-style tourist attraction, according to E! News.

"The idea is to take physically every-

thing that's not part of the dirt and reassemble it in Las Vegas," a source said. The new Neverland would include a museum, theatre and possibly a burial plot for Jackson's body.

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Director sticks up for LiLo

TRUE FRIENDS At least someone is willing to come to the defence of Lindsay Lohan.

Director Robert Rodriguez, who's working with Lohan for his next film, Machete, says the notoriously troublesome actress is being very professional.

"I already shot some great stuff with her."

She's fantastic," Rodriguez told Metro while promoting Shorts, his latest release. Rodriguez insists Lohan's previous work troubles are absent on this project.

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Joan plays it safe at party

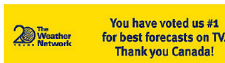
PARANOIA? Joan Rivers apparently has trouble trusting others. The comedy legend hosted a party at her swanky Upper East Side penthouse recently to celebrate her new TV show, How'd You Get So Rich?

Aside from the show's producers and other assorted guests, Rivers reportedly hired three

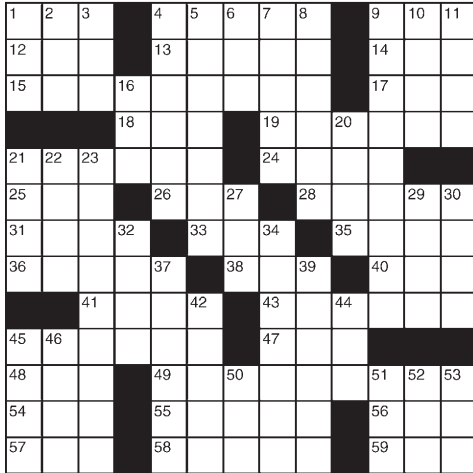
security guards to make sure no one made off with any of her valuables, according to Page Six. She's also trying to sell the apartment for \$25 million US.

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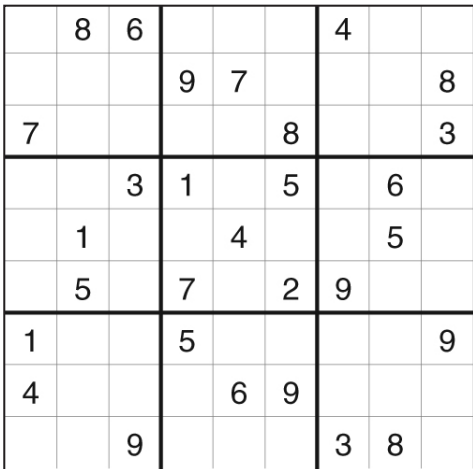
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3 Barbie's cohort
4 1984 Cyndi Lauper hit
5 Break
6 Rd.
7 Tether
8 Regard
9 Tiny
10 Smell
11 Had on
16 "Cash —"
20 Grouch

21 Sample of statuary
22 Diva's rendition
23 Bourbon recipe
27 Petrol
29 Brewery products
30 Last writes?
32 — over (faint)
34 Bucharest's land
37 Hole-making tool
39 Excluding all else
42 Beef rating
44 Insult
45 Finished
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50 Siesta
51 Resistance measure
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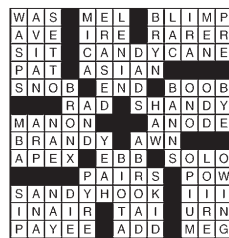
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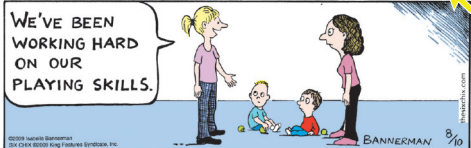
HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Eggplant Lasagna

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp (15 ml) Italian seasoning
2 cans (19 oz/540 ml each) diced tomatoes
1 can (28 oz/796 ml) tomato sauce
1 small eggplant (12 oz/375 g), peeled and cut into 1-in. (2.5-cm) pieces
1/4 tsp (5 ml) salt
1 container (16 oz/454 g) low-fat silken tofu, drained
2 large eggs
1 cup (250 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
9 no-boil lasagna noodles
2 cups (500 ml) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Heat oil in large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook until tender, 5 minutes. Add garlic and Italian seasoning and cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes and tomato sauce; bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low and simmer until flavours are blended, 40 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, coat baking sheet with olive oil cooking

spray. Add eggplant, coat with cooking spray and sprinkle with salt. Roast, turning occasionally, until browned, 30 minutes.
3. In food processor, combine tofu, eggs and Parmesan cheese; puree until smooth.
4. Coat 9 x 13-in. (3.5 l) baking dish with cooking spray. Spread 1 cup (250 ml) sauce on bottom of dish and arrange 3 lasagna noodles on top. Spread half of tofu filling over noodles, followed by half of eggplant. Top with 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) sauce and 1/2 cup (125 ml) mozzarella. Repeat with another layer, then top with remaining noodles, sauce and mozzarella.
5. Cover with foil and bake 1 hour. Remove foil and bake until heated through, about 15 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving.

SERVES 12

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Creatively and romantically you have much to offer and the next few days will be special. Make sure you know what you want, and where to get it.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

You are entitled to your opinions, so speak up and let the world know what you think and why. Just don't expect that everyone will agree with you.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

No matter what happens today or later this week you must stay calm and not let people get under your skin. Think of life as a game — really, that's all it is.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

You won't fully enjoy the good things until you take control of your destiny. Today's cosmic set-up will help you break free of things that are limiting you.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

You'll be happiest this week when visiting new places and meeting new people. You'll also be super friendly between now and Aug. 22.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

In the next few days your view on the meaning of life will change profoundly. "Spiritual" issues, for lack of a better word, take on more importance.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

The sun's transit of the money area of your chart encourages you to take on new ventures, but don't start them until you know how much they'll cost.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

Now is the perfect time to clear out physical and emotional junk from your life. If you feel like scrapping everything and starting again, go ahead.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

Even if you don't see results immediately you will be encouraged to try new things and take new risks, one of which will pay off in a big way.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

It may seem as if others are having a great time while you're struggling, but it's not that bad. Get involved with things in your neighbourhood.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

You have nothing to fear and everything to look forward to but you can't shake the feeling that something awful is going to happen. Well, it's not.

PISCES
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1. Fire newsmen Rather (1)
2. Wildestest got bigger in size (1)
3. Actress Basinger's church songs (1)
4. Needing-to-scratch singer Lionel (2)
5. More daring chider (2)
6. Being afraid of scornful laughing (2)
7. Egocentric lobster or oyster (2)

ANSWERS: 1. FIRE NEWSMEN 2. GAV GUEW 3. KIMS HYKINS 4. TIGER RICHIE 5. BOLDER SCORDER 6. PEADING HEERING 7. SILVER SHEISH



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